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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: STATUS OF ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES LOGISTICS

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1. THE FOLLOWING AMMUNITION AND OTHER SUPPLY ITEMS ARE THOSE MOST
LIKELY TO BE REQUESTED BY EPMG ON SHORT NOTICE AS RESULT OF CONSUMPTION

STEMMING FROM MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS IN ERITREA. (QUANTITIES ARE GROSS
ESTIMATES). (ASTERISK INDICATES ITEM ALREADY MAP PROGRAMMED AND
FUNDED OR CAN BE ACCOMMODATED UNDER APPROPRIATE MAP RCN):

A. AIR FORCE:

(1) 32 EA F5 TIRES (ASTERISK)

(2) 50,000 RDS 20MM HEAP

(3) 100,000 RDS 50 CAL A PI

(4) 250 MK82 500 LB BOMBS

(5) 200 MK81 250 LB BOMBS

(6) 1500 2.75 ROCKET MORTORS

(7) 1500 2.75 ROCKET WARHEADS HEAT

(8) 100 LAU-3 ROCKET LAUNCHERS

B. NAVY:

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(1) 37.8 S/T AMMUNITION (ASTERISK) (ITEMS LISTED SPCC MECHANICSBURG

MSG 240413Z JAN 75. ITEM NOW AWAITING TRANSPORTATION.)

(2) 50,000 RDS .50 CAL AMMUNITION.

C. ARMY:

(1) 1200 EAK BATTERY BA4386 (ASTERISK)

(2) 50 MILE WIRE, WD1 (RD-159)

(3) 20,000 FIRST AID DRESSING (100,000 ON SIGNED FMS CASE USMAAG
AWAITING ADVISE ON SHIPMENT).

(4) ONE - THREE THOUSAND EA OF QM ITEMS OF INDUSTRIAL
CLOTHING (ASTERISK) (ITEMS LISTED UNDER RCN PC02).

(5) 50 EA GENERATORS AND STARTERS FOR M602 2 1/2 TON TRUCKS (ASTERISK)

(6) 75EA SURGICAL INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLY SET, INDIV.

(7) ARMY AMMUNITION AS FOLLOWS:

(A) 17,000 RDS 105 MM HE

(B) 400 RDS 105MM ILLUMINATING

(C) 2000 RDS 105MM WP

(D) 300 LAW

(E) 20,000 EA FUSE PDM557

(F) 2000 EA FUSE MTSQM56X

(G) 15,000 60MM MORT HE

(H) 900 60MM MORT ILLUMINATING

(I) 3000 60MM MORT WP

(J) 60,000 81MM HE

(K) 4000 81MM ILLUMINATING

(L) 3000 81MM WP

(M) 14000 4.2 HE

(N) 200 4.2 ILLUMINATING

(O) 2580 4.2 WP

(P) 125,000 .50 CAL

(Q) 500,000 .30 CAL, M-1

(R) 750,000 .30 CAL MG

(S) 250,000 .30 CAL CARBINE

2. THE MOST FEASIBLE MODE OF SHIPMENT IS MAC AIRLIFT AND THE ONLY
PRACTICABLE PORT OF ENTRY IS ADDIS ABABA.

3. THESE ITEMS ASTERISKED ABOVE CAN BE ABSORBED BY MAP. IN VIEW OF
LOW O&M STOCKAGE LEVELS IN ETHIOPIAN ARMED FORCES AND THE PERENNIALY
LOW STATE OF MAINTENANCE, CMAAG DOES NOT FEEL THAT ANY EXISTING
O&M MAP LINES SHOULD BE PREJUDICED TO PAY FOR THE OTHER ITEMS

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NOTED ABOVE. LIKEWISE, HE FEELS THAT THE LIMITED
CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN THE MAP SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDICED SINCE
IT ONLY REPRESENTS ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL MAP MATERIAL
PROGRAM. CMAAG STRONGLY FEELS THAT ITEMS NOT ASTERISKED ABOVE,
AIR TRANSPORT FOR ALL REPEAT ALL ITEMS, AND PCH&T FOR ITEMS
NOT ASTERISKED SHOULD BE FMS CASH OR CREDIT CASE.

4. ARMY AMMUNITION HAS BEEN HOARDED EXCESSIVELY BY ETHIOPIAN ARMED

FORCES. (HOWEVER, ABOVE LISTED DETERMINATIONS ARE BASED ON ASSUMPTION
THAT DIVERSIONS WILL BE MADE FROM THESE STOCKS.) APPROX 30 DAYS
OR WAR RESERVE IS ESTIMATED INCOUNTRY EXCEPT FOR ALL MORTAR
(10 TO 13 DAYS) AND 105MM AMMO (10 DAYS).
THERE ARE NO OTHER CASES OF SIGNIFICANT SUPPLY HOARDING. WYMAN

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